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To: All Field Offices

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Wildland Fire Use Reporting

Purpose: The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum (IM) is to provide direction on reporting Wildland Fire Use (WFU) accomplishments.

Policy/Action: There appears to be some confusion at the state office and field office levels regarding the reporting of WFU accomplishments. All WFU accomplishments will be reported in the Bureau of Land Management Fire Reporting System (DI-1202s) within five days of the fire being declared "out". The Office of Fire and Aviation (OF&A) will use the information in the DI-1202s to make entries into National Fire Plan Operating and Reporting System (NFPORS) as required by the Office of Wildland Fire Coordination (OWFC). At the end of each fiscal year (FY), the OF&A will summarize the data and submit it for inclusion in the National Fire Plan Annual Performance Report. All WFU fires occurring in FY04 will be reported in DI-1202s.

There is currently no link between the DI-1202s and the Bureau's Management Information System (MIS). Periodically, field offices will need to enter a summary of WFU accomplishments into MIS. Wildland Fire Use accomplishments need to be reported in MIS under sub-activity 2821, using program element JM.

Wildland Fire Use fires are those naturally-ignited, wildland fires that are managed for resource benefit. Both the Land Use Plan and the Fire Management Plan must support using wildland fire to meet resource objectives, and management of the incident(s) must follow the guidance provided in the Wildland and Prescribed fire Policy issued in August 1998.

Wildland fire incidents managed under a "contain" or "confine" strategy do not qualify as WFU events.

Timeframe: This IM is in effect upon receipt.

Budget Impact: Budget impact will be minimal. Some staff time will be required to enter the accomplishment reports.

Background: Prior to the development of NFPORS, WFU fires were reported in DI-1202s. For FY04, the OWFC has directed all of the Department of Interior (DOI) agencies to report WFU via NFPORS. However, the DI-1202 data will be a critical database for the Fire Program Analysis (FPA) which is to be completed in the coming year. The workload related to WFU needs to be included in the FPA. Field level workload will be minimized by having to make only a single-system entry. The OF&A will satisfy the OWFC requirement for WFU entry into NFPORS by using the DI-1202 data and making the NFPORS entries.

Program Area: The programs covered by this IM are the Fire and Fuels Management Programs.

Coordination: Coordination has occurred with other DOI agencies and the OWFC.

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